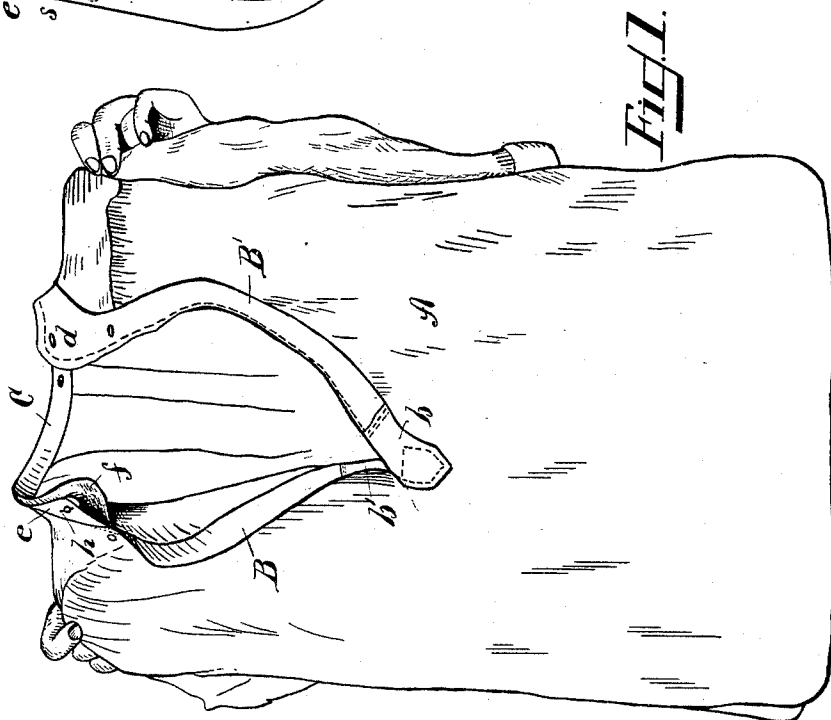
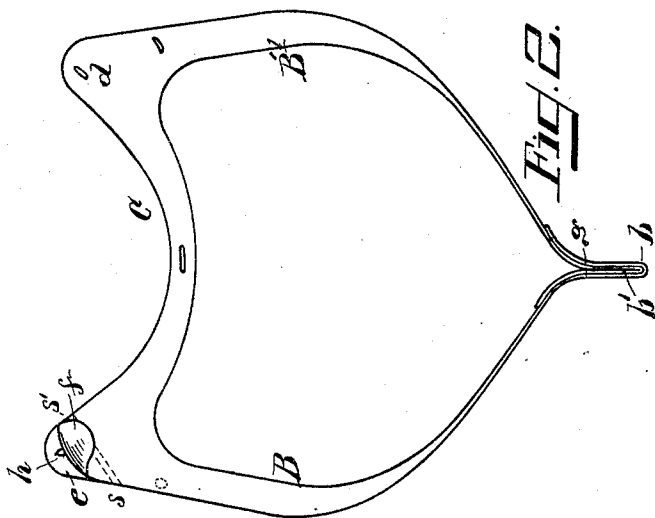


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH A. BEDARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Shirts; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to shirts and its object is to produce an improved facing to a shirt, which shall include in a single piece, the neck-band, and the facing down either side of the opening at the back.

In the drawings: Figure 1, shows a complete shirt, with the facing attached. Fig. 2 shows the facing detached from the shirt, but with the ends brought together, in the position they take when attached to the shirt.

A, represents the body of the shirt, and B, B, represent the facing that extends along the sides of the opening at the back of the shirt.

C, represents the collar part or neck-band. *d*, is the end of the neck band, that is designed to be used at the outside or farthest from the body of the wearer.

e, is the end of the neck-band, that is designed to fold under *d*, when the shirt is closed on the wearer, the facing is made double, or in two pieces, having the same general shape, and the edges of the fabric forming the body of the shirt, are inserted between the two pieces and the parts stitched together.

The two ends *b*, *b'*, are folded back in the manner indicated in the lower part of Fig. 2, the end *b'*, being folded on itself, and the part

b, being folded around the bight of *b'*, and the parts are stitched together for a short distance, as to the point indicated by *g*, and above *g*, the end of *b'*, is stitched to B; and the end of *b*, is stitched to B', thus making a very strong union at the fork of the opening between the facings without the use of gusset. At the end *e*, of the neck-band, the two pieces of the facing are separated for a short distance, and are held together by a straight seam *s*, *s'*, running across the neck-band, each one of the flaps beyond the seam *s*, *s'*, is provided with a lining or strengthening piece that extends from the seam *s*, *s'*, to the end of the neck-band. The flap *f*, is made slightly larger than the flap *e*, so as to extend farther around the neck of the wearer, than the end *e*, of the band; the flap or end *e*, is provided with a button hole *h*, through which is passed the ordinary collar button; the inner end of the collar button, rests against the flap *f*, and not against the neck of the wearer, and thus the neck of the wearer is protected.

What I claim is:

In combination with a shirt body, a facing and neck-band made in a single piece, extending around the neck, down the two sides of the back opening, and having the end of one side facing returned upward and folded on itself, and the end of the other facing returned upward around the bight of the first mentioned facing, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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